

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Brown et al.**

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§ Group Art Unit: **3623**

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In response to the Final Office Action of September 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.